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SENATE LEGISLATION

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SB-11S-2481: Election Timeline Correction

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- 2 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student
- 3 concerns in all University wide matters; and
- 4 Whereas: The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government
- 5 given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the
- 6 Student Body of the University of North Florida; and
- 7 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by Student
- 8 Senate;
- 9 Whereas: Title VI is in need of revision. The current Election Timeline in Title VI is flawed, giving two (2)
- 10 different dates for unqualified candidates to petition to the Student Judiciary. Additionally, the
- 11 constitution gives only one (1) date for unqualified candidates to petition; therefore the Election
- 12 Timeline is in noncompliance with 603.3 of Title VI.
- 13 Therefore; The following revisions shall be made to Title VI, Chapter 605;

TITLE VI: THE ELECTION CODE

Chapter 605: Election Timeline

• Candidate must attend a Senate meeting	Within the same school semester as the Elections
• Candidate Applications Due	Fifteen (15) Business Days before the start of the election
• Three Candidate Seminars must be held	Three times between the Application deadline and Elections
• Sample Ballot must be posted and remain up for three business days • Candidate qualifications must be checked • All unqualified candidates must be notified	Three days after the Application deadline
• Candidate may petition to the Student Judiciary	Within two days of notification of disqualification
• Elections information must be posted in the Spinnaker • Absentee Ballot information must be posted in the Spinnaker	At least ten business days prior to Elections
• Absentee ballots may be requested	Within one week of Elections



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Candidates to petition to the Student Judiciary for ballot reinstatement • Supervisor must tape off Polling regions • Supervisor must remove campaign materials from inside the polling regions • No campaigning allowed inside the polling regions • Ballot cannot change 	Two days prior to Elections
ELECTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absentee ballots due at closing of polls 	Six to twelve weeks into the Semester (Fall/ Spring)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Statements due • Complaints to Invalidate Elections due 	Within one business day after Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor must release unofficial results as long as they are available • Elections Complaints due 	Within two business days after Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections Commission will meet to decide merit of Elections Complaints 	Within three business days after the Complaint Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elections Commission will meet to hear all merited complaints and decide violations • Elections Commission must hear and vote on all Complaints to Invalidate the Elections 	Within eight business days after the Complaint Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates may appeal Violations to the Student Judiciary • Invalidation decisions may be appealed to the Student Judiciary 	Within three business days after Violations and Invalidation hearings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senate must vote on Validation of the Elections and swear in newly elected Senators 	At the Senate meeting following Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballots may be destroyed 	Thirty days or more after conclusion of violations hearing

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Furthermore: Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Government that the proposed revisions to Title VI be made effective July 1st 2011.

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Senator Paige Lehman

Introduced by: Senator Paige Lehman

Senate Action: Unanimous Consent

Date: January 10th, 2011

Signed, _____

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Carlo Fassi, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-11S-2481 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 12 day of January, 2011.

Signed, _____

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